

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/743,667 Confirmation No.: 7614  
Applicants : John Collier et al.  
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For : SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE  
TC/Art Unit : 3731  
Examiner : Natalie R. Pous  
Docket No. : ETH-5115  
Customer No.: 25570

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action of September 11, 2006 in the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.